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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 19-21 have been amended. Claim 18 has been cancelled. Claims 17 and 19-21 are pending and under consideration.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, at pages 2-3, claims 17-21 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 17 and 19-21 have been amended in response to these rejections. Support for the claims as amended can be found in the specification at pages 23-28 and in Figs. 13-15. Claim 18 has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, at page 4, claims 17-21 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 17 and 19-21 have been amended in response to these rejections. Claim 18 has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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